



The State Bar *of California*

OPEN AGENDA AUGUST 2019 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS ITEM O-102

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

THE COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

June 21, 2019

State Bar of California Offices
845 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California

A meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 9:10 a.m., Friday, June 21, 2019, in a meeting room at the State Bar offices in Los Angeles, James P. Fox, Chair, presiding. Officers and members present were: James P. Fox, Chair, Esther P. Lin, Vice-Chair, Angeli O. Agatep, M.D., James A. Bolton, Ph.D., Robert S. Brody, Alex H. Chan, Judith K. Gillespie, Dolores Heisinger, Michael A. Iseri, Larry Kaplan, Paul A. Kramer, Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr., Bethany J. Peak, Vincent Reyes, David A. Torres and Patricia M. Villalobos, Members. Members James H. Efting, Kareem Gongora and Judge Shelly B. Torrealba were absent. State Bar staff members in attendance were: Leah Wilson, Executive Director; Amy C. Nuñez, Director III, Admissions; Mark Torres-Gil, Assistant Director, Admissions; Lisa Cummins, Program Manager III, Christina Doell, Program Manager I; Tammy Campbell, Program Manager I; Tara Clark, Program Manager I; Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst; Kim Wong, Administrative Supervisor; Destie Overpeck, Attorney III; Caroline Holmes, Attorney II; Lynn Taylor, Program Supervisor; Kimberly Anderson, Sr. Attorney, Office of Chief Trial Counsel; Mia Ellis, Assistant Chief Trial Counsel; and Joanna Mendoza, Board of Trustee Member. Also in attendance were: James Blume, Dean Greg Brandes, Dean Maren Carmona, Jose Castaneda, Dean Jackie Gardina, Dean Lydia Liberio, Dean Andrea Lua, Dean Laura Palazzolo, Dean Jessica Park, Dean Brian Purtill, Dean Ira Spiro, Dean Myron Steeves, Dean Robert Strouse, and Mary Schofield. The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 11:35 a.m. at which time the Deans, Leah Wilson and guests left the meeting. The meeting went into closed session at approximately 12:20 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Blume: Mr. Blume, United States Marine Corps, expressed support for the “Disability Work Program” pertaining to the testing accommodations for the bar examination.

Laura Palazzolo: Dean Palazzolo, Lincoln Law School of San Jose, explained about Patent Trademark Services (Attachment O-401).

APRIL 26 AND 27, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the minutes taken during the public session of the meeting on April 26 and 27, 2019, be approved.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Torres.

APRIL 2019 KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the April 2019 Key Indicators for the Office of Admissions/Committee of Bar Examiners be received and filed.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 23, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING

It was by common consent agreed that the schedule for the August 23, 2019 Meeting, which will be held at the State Bar of California Offices in San Francisco, California, be received and filed.

EXAMINATIONS

THE SUPREME COURT REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY 2019 CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Supreme Court Report on the February 2019 California Bar Examination be finalized and submitted to the Court.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Peak.

2018 – 2019 EXAMINATIONS GOALS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the 2018 – 2019 Examinations goals be approved.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Villalobos.

**THE PROCESSING OF TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS PETITIONS
AND ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES CONCERNING EVALUATING
TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS PETITIONS**

It was by common consent agreed that the Committee's appreciation be extended to Lisa Cummins, Program Manager, and Lynn Taylor, Program Supervisor, for their presentation on the Processing of Testing Accommodations Petitions and on Substantive Issues Concerning Evaluating Testing Accommodations Petitions.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 2019 CALIFORNIA BAR EXAM COST ANALYSIS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the report on costs for administering the February 2019 California Bar Examination be received and filed.

Moved by Torres, seconded by Chan.

2018 – 2019 OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT GOALS

It was by common consent that the 2018 – 2019 Operations and Management goals be approved.

EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

REPORT ON LINCOLN LAW SCHOOL OF SAN JOSE PERIODIC INSPECTION

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Periodic Inspection Report of Lincoln Law School of San Jose prepared following the inspection conducted October 8-11, 2018 by Esther Lin, Member of the Committee of Bar Examiners, Justin Atkinson, Academic Dean of San Joaquin College of Law, and Heather Georgakis, Educational Standards Consultant for The State Bar of California, be received and filed; that the response submitted by Laura Palazzolo, Dean of Lincoln Law School of San Jose, dated May 21, 2019 and submitted on behalf of the law school be received and filed; that the mandatory compliance recommendations made in the Report be adopted; that the law school be required to report to the Committee in its next Annual Compliance Report all efforts to address each such recommendation; that the accreditation of Lincoln Law School of San Jose be continued; and that its next periodic inspection be scheduled for the Fall of 2023, unless an earlier visitation is deemed necessary by the Committee.

Moved by Torres, seconded by Brody.

REPORT ON LINCOLN LAW SCHOOL OF SAN JOSE REQUEST FOR MAJOR CHANGE –
IP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM, M.L.S. PROGRAM AND LLM PROGRAM

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Major Change requests received from Lincoln Law School of San Jose (LLSSJ) seeking the Committee's acquiescence to offer the following three degrees be received, filed and granted as to the Patent Agent Certificate Program, the Master of Legal Studies in Intellectual Property Law, and the Master of Laws Degree in Intellectual Property Law, subject to the clarification that students in the M.L.S. Degree Program in Intellectual Property who choose to write a thesis on a "contemporary legal issue" must select an issue related to the topic of intellectual property.

Moved by Torres, seconded by Brody.

REPORT ON APPLICATION MATERIALS TO ADDRESS AMENDED RULES AND
GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOLS RELATED TO DISTANCE LEARNING

It was moved seconded and duly carried that the application materials to address Amended Rules and Guidelines for Accredited Law Schools related to Distance Learning be approved.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Heisinger.

DISCUSSION OF 2018-2019 EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the 2018 – 2019 Educational Standards goals be approved.

MORAL CHARACTER

2018-2019 MORAL CHARACTER GOALS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the 2018 – 2019 Moral Character goals be approved.

Moved by Villalobos, seconded by Brody.

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all the business scheduled for consideration during the open and closed sessions of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m., Friday, June 21, 2019.